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Gabriel Seeks Second Term on Toledo City Council to Help Seniors and Fix Budget

(Toledo, OH) --- Saying she wanted to continue to be a voice for seniors and she wanted to help fix a flawed financial system, Toledo City Councilwoman Theresa M. Gabriel pulled petitions on Monday to seek a second four-year term.

Councilwoman Gabriel, an Independent, was elected in November 2013 with 19,376 votes. She is the Chairwoman of council's Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform Committee, and Vice Chairwoman of Water Quality, Streets & Infrastructure.

In 2013, Mrs. Gabriel ran on a platform of representing seniors on city council. She said that continues to be her goal if elected to a second term.

"Senior citizens in Toledo need to have continued representation. I want to be the person to represent them so that they have all the information they need on issues where they have concerns. That is my passion," she said.

Additionally, Mrs. Gabriel says she is deeply concerned about the City of Toledo's financial system which she says needs attention from council.

"We need to work more as a team to follow-up and do more to work with the administration. When council approves ordinances we need to follow through to make sure the equipment is purchased instead of being left in the dark to see if that's going to happen. When council approves ordinances to fill vacancies and the administration decides not to fill the position, then inform us. This creates less hostility between employees, organized labor, and the citizens of Toledo so they can understand why pot holes aren't being filled, why crack sealing is not being done, why alleys are not being cleaned, and all the other issues that concern our taxpayers."

Councilwoman Gabriel says her Public Safety and Criminal Justice committee has had some success stories over the past four years with new police and fire classes. However she sees plenty of work for council when it comes to water related issues and the city's infrastructure especially the streets.

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Councilwoman Gabriel has over 60 years of community service on a local, state, regional, and national level. In fact, last July she was given an award for 50 years of volunteer service to the NAACP.

Mrs. Gabriel has over 20 years of business experience and over 30 years of experience working with organized labor CBTU, AFSCME Local 7, and AFSCME 2058. Her 47 years of public sector experience included positions with the City of Toledo as Commissioner of Streets Bridges and Harbor, Director of Parks and Recreation, as well as Director of Human Resources, and Assistant Chief of Staff.

City Council – At Large candidates need to have 250 valid signatures to get their name on the September 12 primary ballot. The deadline to file is July 14. The top 12 city council candidates move on to the November General Election.

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Editor's note: Photos and video available on request.